

## CHILDREN STARVING HERE, 200 MOTHERS ASK MAYOR FOR AID

Stirring Appeal to City to Buy  
Food and Coal to Prevent  
Suffering.

WARNS OF BREAD RIOTS.

Prices Doubled in Last Few  
Months, Declares Mrs.  
Theresa Malkiel.

A thin, pale-faced woman stepped from a circle of two hundred men, women and children who surrounded Mayor Mitchell in the public reception room of the City Hall to-day and declared:

"We don't know, Mr. Mayor, whether you ever heard the pitiful cry of a child for bread. There are many mothers here to-day, sir, who have listened to the plaintive plea from hungry mouths and who have been unable to satisfy them."

Raising her right arm, the speaker added:

"When the offspring is in danger the female of the species is the deadliest of the race. There is no extremity to which she will not resort in the protection of the child God has sent her."

"We are here to-day, Mr. Mayor, because we cannot make ends meet. With coal at 20 cents a ton—almost a penny a lump—how are we going to live this winter? Six or seven months ago food that cost 6 or 7 cents is now double. Starvation is sure to result if this continues."

"A little girl went into a butcher shop for 10 cents worth of meat for the family and 10 cents worth for the cat. It developed that the meat intended for the cat was consumed by the hungry head of the house."

"The mothers of this city cannot continue to bear children, they cannot guarantee a healthy race of offspring, unless something is done to keep us properly fed."

The speaker was Mrs. Theresa S. Malkiel, President of the Mothers' Association of Public School No. 119. She was one of the leaders of a delegation who went to City Hall to "demand" of the Mayor that something be done to reduce the cost of living.

Henry L. Shubert, State Chairman of the Socialist Party; Joseph D. Cannon, organizer of the Western Federation of Labor; and Joseph A. Whitehorn, recently elected Assemblyman from the Twenty-first District, Brooklyn, also spoke.

Mr. Shubert read a petition addressed to the Mayor, which demanded of him that all foodstuffs and coal stored and locked by speculators within the city limits be seized by the authorities. The other demands were:

"That the Mayor immediately establish and maintain municipal markets for the sale of foodstuffs at cost."

"That the city secure coal mines, dairy farms and cattle ranches for the supply of the people."

"That the city establish municipal bakeries and butcher shops, milk and egg depots."

"That Federal laws be enacted which will give the Government power to quickly punish food pirates and famine manipulators."

In explaining how a reasonable food embargo might be effected in this country, Mr. Cannon said:

"To-day the United States flag floats on every sea on vessels laden down with foodstuffs from this country. Despite the fact that we are sending millions of tons of edibles to every point on the globe, almost every home in America is to-day menaced with want and hunger."

"The people of this great land have no objection to feeding the hungry people of other lands, but what we want for the future, which now looks pretty gloomy, is a guarantee that we'll be fed until another harvest. We care not what is done with the balance."

"This year there is a wheat shortage of 504,000,000 bushels. The embargo the American people want is on an amount of foodstuffs sufficient

## Do Married Men Make the Best Husbands?

### Maids Answer "Yes," but Matrons Say "No"

"What Other Kinds of Husbands Have We Got?" Naively Retorts a Mere Man to Whom the Query Is Put—Married Men Are Always in Demand, Says Mr. Chorosh, Expert on Marital Fitness, Blue Beard and Henry VIII., for Instance.

By Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

Do married men make the best husbands? That is the exhilaratingly modern topic which William H. Chorosh, a well-known member of the New York bar and a former Alderman, was asked to discuss at a Harlem dinner the other night. The question is undoubtedly new to Harlem, but it has been raised before. For instance, W. L. George, the distinguished English novelist and satirist, has recently observed that most men would make admirable husbands if they were not married. The shades of the prison house, Mr. George contends, are too much for them. They feel that they must, by some desperate attitude, some periodic fling, prove that they are still men and not convicts in durable vile.

Then there is the point of view taken by a man to whom I submitted Mr. Chorosh's question. "What difference does it make?" he coldly wanted to know. "What other kind of husbands have we got?"

I decided to go to No. 51 Chambers Street and ask Mr. Chorosh for his own opinion. Despite the topic of his speech, Mr. Chorosh is an optimist about marriage and husbands. He himself is one of the latter, and he has three children. Also, in the days of the Alderman's marriage chapel he presented many a young man with the title of husband.

"Well—do they?" I demanded. "When they put that question up to me," smiled Mr. Chorosh, "I decided I must collect data on the subject. And my investigations led me to this conclusion:

"Married women think that bachelors make the best husbands; unmarried women think that married men make the best husbands. DIFFERENCE IN VIEWS OF MARRIED WOMEN AND GIRLS."

"Every married woman wants to marry off every bachelor of her acquaintance. That shows that she believes he will be a first-class husband. Even if her own marriage has proved a disillusionment, she is sure that the fault is in the particular man she happened to choose."

"On the other hand, one often hears girls say, 'All the nice men are married.'"

"That is because a girl doesn't have to pose when she talks to a married man," I said. "She can be frank and pleasant without seeing him shy away in a mad panic for fear she is trying to catch him. In dread of a compromising situation the Victorian maiden had nothing on the modern bachelor. He is so idiotically afraid of being captured that if a girl says, 'How do you do?' he imagines that she is speculating on the size of his life insurance policy."

"But do you think that married men succeed as husbands?" I asked. "I'm for the married man every time," said Mr. Chorosh with feeling. "I believe that in most cases he tries as hard as he knows how to make his wife and children happy. He works twice as hard as he did before he took a life-partner. He turns over to her most of the money he makes. He shows her a good time when he's so tired that he'd

much rather stay at home and read the paper. He sticks up for her through thick and thin on rainy days and sunny ones. He's a pretty good soldier."

"Yes," I admitted. "But he forgets to tell her that her eyes are brown stars. He brings her carnations when her favorite flower is red roses. He buys tickets for a musical comedy when she longs to see the Russian dancers. He is clumsily kind, and sometimes I wonder if his kindness is worth having."

SOME OF THE LAPSES OF AVERAGE WIFE.

"Oh, I suppose the bachelor remembers those little wrinkles you've just mentioned," said Mr. Chorosh easily. "And I suppose some women think that if he married he always would treat his wife as if she were a combination of angel and candy doll. But he wouldn't. You don't want to forget that there's the question of whether married women succeed as wives. Don't they stop calling their husbands pet names? Doesn't a wife take it out on the man she marries when the children or the cook or the grocer have curbed her sweet disposition? But did she make her husband uncomfortable the evening her father scolded her for extravagance? She did not. Marriage changes her too."

"Married men may not make the best husbands, but they seem to be always in demand. A widower is about as popular as a widow. Even Bluebeard and Henry VIII., whose reputations as married men left much to be desired, had no difficulty in finding as many wives as they wanted."

"Being a husband is the biggest, most worthwhile job in the world," concluded Mr. Chorosh wisely. "It is next to being a wife. Nevertheless, the married man does NOT make the best husband. That role is waiting for a combination of demigod and archangel."

MRS. PIKE FIGHTS AGAINST RETURN TO A SANITARIUM

But Readily Accepts Proposal to Be Examined as to Her Mental Condition.

Mrs. Gertrude Pike, who disappeared from Dr. Given's sanitarium in Stamford, Conn., several days ago and has since been in hiding in New Jersey, was before Justice Greenbaum in the Supreme Court to-day ready for an injunction to prevent her husband, Arthur E. Pike, a cotton broker, from sending her back to the sanitarium.

There was no argument on the motion, as Mrs. Pike agreed to submit to an examination of her mentality at Bellevue Hospital. She was on her way there with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sykes of No. 101 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Street, members of the Society of Justice, when Detective Lauckman of Police Headquarters stepped up.

Two newspaper photographers sought to "snap" Mrs. Pike and Lauckman, who weighs 200 pounds, grabbed Mrs. Pike, who weighs about 100, by the arm so roughly that she cried out. He then wrestled her about, as if he thought she was trying to escape.

When Lauckman was asked if he had a warrant he admitted he had none, but said he had been ordered by his superiors at Headquarters to arrest Mrs. Pike and take her there. The detective eventually relinquished Mrs. Pike, saying that her husband, who was at his side, could take her to Headquarters. She said she was quite willing to go there to undergo an examination by Dr. Baker to determine whether it would be necessary for a further examination at Bellevue.

It was the arrest some months ago of Eaton, the so-called "Tango Burglar," who was shot by Policemen while trying to escape, that brought Mrs. Pike to notice. She and Eaton had visited a number of cafes where dancing was indulged in and he managed to obtain the key to her liver side Drive apartment. Later he entered the apartment and rifled it.

After Eaton's arrest and the disclosure of his friendship for Mrs. Pike, she was committed to the Stamford sanitarium at the instance of her husband and mother.



## 800 NEW YORKERS MEET 'MA' SUNDAY TO PLAN REVIVAL

"Billy Ready to Come Because Time Is Ripe," Wife of Evangelist Declares.

"Ma" Sunday, wife of "Billy" Sunday, the ex-ball player revivalist, came to New York to-day to meet a convention of those who are laying the foundations for a great Sunday revival here next spring. She found more than 800 delegates, clergymen and laymen, at the Hotel Astor.

"New York is very great and very warm-hearted," she said. "This gathering to-day is to aid in visualizing the meetings which are to come next spring. None of the prominent people here inspired this meeting; no more did I inspire it, or Mr. Sunday. The spirit of God is at work in New York."

"He has not come to this city before because the people of the city were not ready. They had not come to realize their need for such an awakening as they are to have."

"Mr. Sunday has consented to come here because he knows the enormous good which can be done in a great city like this. The arrangements present no formidable difficulty; they can be attended to by merely multiplying the details which have to be arranged in a small town."

"New York seems to be ready now to face the sacrifices which such a revival as this requires—the giving up of time, personal convenience and hard work."

Among those present were John D. Rockefeller Jr., Mrs. Finley J. Sheppard, J. E. Andrus, with eight or ten of the staff now assisting Sunday in the Boston campaign, James S. Steers, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the New York campaign, presided.

It was announced before the meeting that the site for the tabernacle most likely to be chosen was the old American League Baseball Club grounds at Broadway and 168th Street. The offer of Mr. Andrus to provide two great portable tabernacles for Sunday before the New York revivals may not be accepted, because it was feared such structures could not be built to comply with the city fire regulations.

A map of the city, divided into fourteen districts, in which preliminary work is to be done to interest non-churchgoing and other inactive Christians will be subdivided so that there shall be a sub-committee in charge of awakening each block in the city in attending Sunday's meetings.

The map shows one section of the West Side in which 65,000 persons live which is not reached by any of the churches or associations already affiliating with the project.

A permanent headquarters has been established at the Metropolitan Temple, from which the preliminary work will be directed.

Long Woman A Suicide from Gas. Mrs. Mary Cole tied an oilcloth table cover about her head, put a rubber tube leading from a gas fixture through a hole in the cloth, turned on the gas, took the tube in her mouth and was found dead in bed to-day in her furnished room at No. 232A Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn.

Who was fifty years old, was of a taciturn nature. Of late she had complained that the weather had affected her.

Law Requiring High Power Headlights Is Constitutional. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Indiana's law requiring high power headlights on locomotives was sustained to-day by the Supreme Court, which held in an opinion, however, that State laws on the subject will be superseded by the Interstate Commerce Commission regulations when adopted.

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## STRIKE OF 60,000 TAILORS NOW SET FOR TO-MORROW

Union Officials and Employers  
Still in Conference Trying  
to Avert It.

Unless the manufacturers and contractors are able to reach an agreement within the next few hours, a general strike in the clothing industry, involving 60,000 workers, cannot be averted. The posters for the strike are out and the hour named is 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, according to those familiar with the inner workings of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union.

Sidney Hillman, President of the Union, had conferences to-day with several manufacturers and the manufacturers' association and the contractors also conferred but "got nowhere," as one of them put it.

In the mean time the union has strengthened its forces and President Hillman announced late to-day additional demands for other classes of workers besides cutters. The added demands involve practically the making of entirely new contracts between the union and the manufacturers.

President Ansonge of the Manufacturers' Association hinted that these new demands are proof that "the union is bluffing" and has no "intention of calling a strike to-morrow or the next day."

Joseph Paniken has been made general counsel of the strike board. There is to be an executive meeting late to-day at union headquarters, No. 82 Union Square.

"All I can say now," said Mr. Hillman, "is that the workers will strike. You will know the hour before the end of the day. In order to make it effective it is planned to have clothing workers in nearby cities, including Newark and Paterson, walk out with the New York hosts."

Here is the manufacturers' side from the viewpoint of Herbert Ansonge, President of their association:

"No strike of this kind can be successful at this time. It is unreasonable. Merchants have been planning for a big increase in wages to go into effect about the middle of the month. The union leaders know that. This will make the third increase since the first of the year."

One thing we cannot do—that is cut down the hours of work in the tailoring department from fifty to forty-eight hours a week. This is an unusually busy season and to curtail the hours of work is to curtail production, and if production is shortened the workers lose with the employers. There is nothing just about such a demand. And it is a scheme of the union leaders, not of the workers. The workers realize they are making more money to-day than they ever did."

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